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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FOREIGN MINISTRY REPLY TO OUR NOTE OF FEB 28 ON REF SUBJECT. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE NOTE(UNESSENTIAL PASSAGES OMITTED):

QUOTE... CONCERNING THE US FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1976, EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 1977, WHICH ESTABLISHES A 200 NAUTICAL MILE FISHERY CONSERVATION ZONE AROUN, INTER ALIA, THE VIRGIN ISLANDS AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS SHARES THE POSITION OF THE GOVT OF THE US OF AMERICA IN THE SENSE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT MARITIME BOUNDARIES SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE INTERESTED PARTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH ONE OF THE METHODS OF MARITIME BOUNDARY DETERMINATION WHICH IS MOST LIKELY TO LEAD TO AN EQUITABLE RESULT WHEN APPLIED TO THE ZONE IN QUESTION.

THUS THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATION SHARES AS WELL THE

VIEW OF THE GOVT OF US THAT THE APPLICATION OF THE EQUIDISTANCE PRINCIPLE IS PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE TO THE DETERMINATION OF THE MARITIME BOUNDARIES IN THE AREA SPECIFICALLY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, ON THE ONE HAND, AND THE CONTINENTAL AND INSULAR TERRITORIES SUBJECT TO VENEZUELAN SOVEREIGNTY, ON THE OTHER. END QUOTE.

2. EMBASSY POUCHING COPY OF NOTE TO ARA/AND/V. ASENCIO

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